

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region IX
POLLUTION REPORT

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Subject: Exercise of OSC Warrant Authority
Chino Airport Radium Dial
7000 Merrill Ave., Chino, CA

POLREP No.:	2	Site #:	09MU
Reporting Period:	March 11 -14, 2005	D.O. #:	
Start Date:	3/10/2005	Response Authority:	CERCLA
Mob Date:	3/10/2005	Response Type:	Emergency
Demob Date:		NPL Status:	Non NPL
Completion Date:		Incident Category:	Removal Action
CERCLIS ID #:		Contract #	
RCRIS ID #:			

Site Description

See POLREP #1

Current Activities

On March 11, 2005, OSC Robert Wise exercised his warrant authority and directed the ERRS contractor to place a negative air machine in Building A-465, Hangar 11 to reduce the airborne radioactive hazard. The ERRS contractor subsequently placed a negative air machine with a HEPA filter in the hangar and vented the exhaust through a vent in the roof. ERRS covered all of the dials not in secondary packaging with visqueen to mitigate the spread of radium contamination from compromised radium containing gauges.

This action was carried out do the PRPs lack of expertise on the management of the airborne radiation hazard and the emergency nature of the incident.

On March 14, 2005, the START recovered a radon sampler placed in the building over the weekend by the ERRS contractor changing the filter. The radon detector indicated that the radon levels inside the building were decreasing. The START also assessed the inside office of Hangar 1 in the aforementioned building. Monitoring inside this office, which is separated from the rest of Building 465 indicated that the office was safe to enter and the red tag was removed.

EPA is currently in discussions with the Airport authorities concerning the mitigation of problems in Building A-465. No further EPA work will be done inside the building until these discussions have been completed or terminated.

Planned Removal Actions

TBD

Next Steps

TBD

Key Issues

1. Discussions with the Airport on the mitigation of Building 465.
2. Discussions with the Heritage Aero on the mitigation of the dials in Buildings 320 and 465.

Estimated Costs *

	Budgeted	Total To Date	Remaining	% Remaining
Extramural Costs				
Intramural Costs				
Total Site Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%

* The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The OSC does not necessarily receive specific figures on final payments made to any contractor(s). Other financial data which the OSC must rely upon may not be entirely up-to-date. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

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